

## Minutes of the January 9, 2017 Board of Physical Therapy Meeting

Scott Edwards, Chairperson called the meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy to order on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lower Level A Conference Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice and Meeting and Agenda at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

Mr. Edwards announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law is posted.

The following Board members and Department staff were present at the meeting: Betsy Becker; Scott Edwards; Rachel Reiman; Tom Victor; Claire Covert By-Bee, Program Manager; Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator; Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General; Suzanna Glover-Etrich, Department Legal Counsel; and Investigators Jeff Newman and Mark Meyerson.

Ms. Reiman moved, seconded by Mr. Victor to adopt the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Becker, Edwards, Reiman, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Ms. Reiman moved, seconded by Mr. Victor to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2016 meeting as presented. Voting aye: Edwards, Reiman, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Becker. Motion carried.

Board members and Department staff introduced themselves. Ms. Becker shared information about herself.

Ms. Reiman moved, seconded by Mr. Victor to go into closed session at 9:10 a.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or reference in such discussions. Voting aye: Becker, Edwards, Reiman, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Victor moved, seconded by Ms. Reiman to return to open session at 9:33 a.m. Voting aye: Becker, Edwards, Reiman, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

After discussion, Ms. Reiman moved, seconded by Mr. Victor that it is the opinion of the Board that aquatic therapy is used as a tool in conjunction with the practice of physical therapy. Voting aye: Becker, Edwards, Reiman, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

After discussion, Ms. Reiman moved, seconded by Ms. Becker that it is the opinion of the Board that if what you are performing meets the scope of practice of a physical therapist, then a physical therapist can perform cardiac rehab. Voting aye: Becker, Edwards, Reiman, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

After discussion, Ms. Reiman moved, seconded by Mr. Victor that it is the opinion of the Board that medication teaching is not within the scope of practice of a physical therapist. A physical therapist cannot provide teaching on medication dosage and frequency. A physical therapist

*These minutes have not been approved by the Board of Physical Therapy.*

can provide observations on potential medication issues or side effect to the referring health care practitioner. Voting aye: Becker, Edwards, Reiman, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

After discussion Ms. Reiman moved, seconded by Mr. Victor to name Mr. Edwards as Chairperson, Ms. Reiman as Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Victor as Secretary, and Ms. Reiman as Investigative Consultant. Voting aye: Becker, Edwards, Reiman, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board is required to inform the public each year the method by which it will provide notice of meetings. In the past, the Board has chosen to post meeting agendas at the Nebraska State Office Building, to email agendas to the interested parties list, and to post agendas on the Department's website. After discussion, Mr. Victor moved, seconded by Ms. Reiman to continue using these methods. Voting aye: Becker, Edwards, Reiman, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Ms. LaFayette-Dymacek shared information regarding the conviction guidelines document that is approved by the Board to provide the Department guidance when reviewing applications for licensure. The Board will review this document at the next meeting.

Ms. Covert-ByBee shared information with the Board regarding the current restrictions on all non-essential out of state travel, and the process that the Department will need to follow to request approval for Board members to travel.

Ms. LaFayette-Dymacek provided the Board with copies of the following items for informational purposes only:

- CAPTE Actions and Program Review;
- Candidate Satisfaction Survey Report; and
- Application Processing Report.

Topics for the next meeting include:

- 2017 FSBPT Meetings;
- Discussion regarding opening the Physical Therapy Regulations;
- Possible methods to communicate information to the public and other stakeholders;
- PRT sunset;
- FSBPT oPTion self-assessment tool; and
- Updates to the Conviction Review Guidance document.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tom Victor, Secretary

Prepared by: Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator